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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : National Intelligence Officer for Warning

FROM : David D. Gries  
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SUBJECT : East Asia Warning Assessment

The following items were discussed by the Community Representatives at the 20 January warning meeting.

Warning Definitions and Activities -- The NIO for Warning, Fred Hutchinson, led a discussion of this subject.

DPRK Indicators -- Examination of this topic continued with the agencies listed below designated to take the lead on future presentations.

-- What has been the frequency and scale of ROK-US exercises in the South over the past year?

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-- What is the likelihood that the North Koreans are testing the reaction time and perception by the ROK-US of these NK actions?

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-- Similar events have evoked expressions of ROK alarm in the past. What were the reasons for the ROK calm during this NK exercise?

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- How do we distinguish training or other exercise-related activity from actual mobilization for war in North Korea? What level of sophistication do we ascribe to the North Koreans in practicing deception both in terms of their military activity and in the use of civil  situations? 25X1

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- How have all members of the Intelligence Community improved their ability to obtain and understand evidence of North Korean military exercise activities in recent years? Have our analytical techniques been enhanced in accord with our increased collection capability?

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- Given our knowledge of military establishments in the USSR, China and Vietnam, do we see these North Korean exercises as logical and gradual improvements in performance in accord with the progressive rise of the level of sophistication of the North Korean military establishment?

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In order to focus our deliberations, please prepare papers on these subjects and send them to me in time for distribution to the Community before our next meeting on 17 February. These may be in summary, definitional or outline form to provide a framework for exchanges of views. These working papers are not to be taken as formal statements of agency positions.

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